



Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

July 24, 2017

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.
THE BLACK VAULT
[REDACTED]

FOIPA Request No.: 1249014-001
Subject: VALENTI, JACK JOSEPH

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions:

Section 552

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26 U.S.C. § 6103

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Section 552a

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9 page(s) were reviewed and 7 page(s) are being released.

☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].

☐ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.

☐ We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

☐ In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us."

The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request. Your patience is appreciated.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

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┌ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

┌ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

The enclosed documents represent the final release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Name Check
- 1 - Mr. Farrow

CLASSIFICATION PER OGA LETTER
DATED 11-27-2007

Mr. Belmont

December 11, 1963

A. Rosen

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ABE FORTAS: WALTER W. JENKINS
[REDACTED] JACK JOSEPH VALENTI

[REDACTED] Central
Intelligence Agency (CIA), has advised that captioned individuals
are of interest to CIA because of certain sensitive operations and
he requested any information contained in Bureau files concerning
them. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] of the
White House staff has given approval for the FBI to release to CIA
any information which has been sent to the White House regarding
these individuals.

A review of Bureau files revealed the following information:

ABE FORTAS

Fortas was investigated by the Bureau under the Hatch Act
in 1942, at which time he was director of the Power Division, Depart-
ment of the Interior, based on his name appearing as a member of the
Washington Committee for Democratic Action. This organization was
later cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Fortas was inter-
viewed by Bureau Agents under oath in 1942 and denied membership in
the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, but admitted former
membership in the National Lawyers Guild, which was cited as a
communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.
While at Yale Law School, from which he graduated with honors in
1933, acquaintances considered him a liberal but not communist. He
has served as defense counsel for individuals and organizations whose
loyalty has been in question, including the Joint Anti-Fascist
Refugee Committee and the National Council of American-Soviet Friend-
ship, both of which organizations have been designated pursuant to
Executive Order 10450. Attached letterhead memorandum prepared for
dissemination to CIA contains this information. (101-1605-14)

WALTER W. JENKINS

Walter W. Jenkins has been President Johnson's administrative
assistant for several years and is presently special assistant to him.
The Bureau has had cordial relations with Mr. Jenkins in the past.

Enclosures (4)

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Liaison Section

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
Re: Abe Fortas, Et Al.

The Bureau conducted an applicant-type investigation concerning Jenkins at the request of the Atomic Energy Commission in 1958. No derogatory information was developed during the course of this investigation. Attached letterhead memorandum prepared for dissemination to CIA contains pertinent information. (116-435550)

BILLY DON MOYERS

Billy Don Moyers, also known as William Moyers, is presently Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, but is slated to become an assistant to President Johnson in the near future. In 1961, at the request of the Peace Corps, the Bureau conducted an applicant-type investigation and no derogatory information concerning him was developed. Results of this investigation were furnished to the White House. Pertinent information is being furnished to CIA in attached letterhead memorandum. (161-676)

JACK JOSEPH VALENTI

B. 9/5/21 Houston, Texas (This data furnished by
Oregon in liaison -
don't know his source)

The "Washington Daily News" on 12/10/63 reported Jack Joseph Valenti as being President Johnson's newest confidential aide. This article revealed him to be a Houston, Texas, advertising and public relations executive. He married President Johnson's former private secretary in June, 1962, with President Johnson giving the bride away. A criminal informant of the Houston Office, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in June, 1962, that he had heard that one Joseph Lucia was reported to have paid a large portion of the wedding expenses, including plane tickets to Las Vegas, Nevada. This information has not been corroborated by any other source. Joseph Lucia is a top hoodlum in the Houston Division and is presently under investigation relative to the criminal intelligence program. This information is being brought to your attention only and is not being furnished to CIA inasmuch as our source had no first-hand knowledge thereof. Attached letterhead memorandum states that the Bureau has not conducted an investigation concerning Valenti and our files contain no pertinent information. (62-9-19-331)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Inasmuch as these four individuals are at the White House, it is recommended that Mr. DeLoach obtain White House approval for the Bureau to disseminate attached letterhead memoranda to CIA.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Cleveland

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CC TO: *White House*
REQ. REC'D *5-20-77*
MAY 24 1977
ANS.
BY: *[Redacted]*
Re: Jack Valenti

January 2, 1964
BY COURIER SERVICE

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Honorable Walter W. Jenkins
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Encl:

In accordance with your request of December 1963, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mr. Jack Joseph Valenti, who is a Special Consultant to the President. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

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BY COURIER SVC.
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COMM-FBI

In June, 1962, an individual who has a knowledge of gambling and similar activity in the Houston, Texas, area, furnished information that [Redacted] had [Redacted]

When contacted during the current inquiry, this individual explained that he has observed that for several years Mr. Valenti and [Redacted] have been [Redacted] and they have been seen together socially on numerous occasions. He stated he has no positive knowledge that [Redacted]

but knowing of the [Redacted] between these two persons, he felt it entirely possible that [Redacted] had [Redacted]

1 - Mr. DeLoach

WHB:sab

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See memo Cleveland to Evans, 1/2/64, WHB:sab, captioned, "Jack Joseph Valenti, SPI - White House."

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Honorable Walter W. Jenkins

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Another individual* who has a knowledge of gambling and similar activity in the Houston, Texas, area, advised he has known Mr. Valenti for about ten years. He described Mr. Valenti as a very hard-working and dynamic person and a very effective public speaker. He stated he is aware that Mr. Valenti and [redacted] are close personal friends. He stated further he is aware that [redacted] is a bookmaker but that he has never believed that Mr. Valenti in any way gambles with [redacted]. He stated further he knows for a positive fact that [redacted] did not contribute money to Mr. Valenti's wedding or his wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nevada. He said, to his knowledge, the friendship between [redacted] and Mr. Valenti is purely social, and Mr. Valenti is entirely worthy and capable of holding any important post with the Government.

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Several individuals, who may have knowledge of Mr. Valenti, are unavailable for interview. When they are interviewed, you will be advised.

The investigation of Mr. Valenti covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

Sincerely yours,

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**Add'l sources being contacted re allegation [redacted]
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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoa
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. Wannall
- 1 - Mr. Wacks

DATE: May 28, 1965

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. W. R. Wannall

SUBJECT:
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ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

Recommended we advise the White House of information received from subject to the effect that McGeorge Bundy had a "sex relationship" with described by informant as a convicted homosexual, (subsequently advised this allegation was wrong and that actually the sex relationship was between Bundy and a and that Jack Valenti arranged an abortion for a girl whom the President made pregnant, and whom Valenti later

is of an anticommunist newsletter which he has used as a medium for "exposing" security risks in the Government, particularly those at State. For the past several years he has furnished information to the New York and Newark Offices concerning these security risks. He has consistently refused to divulge his sources and we have been most circumspect in our dealings with him. He has recently asked us to check his telephone line to determine whether it is being tapped and we have instructed Newark Office to advise him that the Bureau does not make such checks of telephone lines for private individuals.

On 5-21-65 subject advised that one of his contacts, whom he declined to identify, advised him that has been working in the residence of McGeorge Bundy, "a State Department official," as a "so-called that is a convicted homosexual. That there is a Central Intelligence Agency report indicating that had endeavored to extort \$1,000 from an official of the Organization of American States who is also a homosexual; and that there is a sex relationship existing between McGeorge Bundy and may be identical with who has been the subject of Special Inquiry investigations. He was until 12-30-64 Our investigation indicated he was sexually promiscuous and although there were allegations of his homosexuality, no concrete evidence was uncovered in our investigations. His current whereabouts is unknown.

McGeorge Bundy is the Special Assistant to the President. Our Special Inquiry investigation of McGeorge Bundy did not indicate he had homosexual tendencies.

contact also reported that Jack Valenti, "a White House employee and top Presidential assistant," was once arrested in Texas on a

Enclosures *sent 6-1-65*
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Memorandum Wannall to Sullivan

Re: [redacted]

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homosexual charge and also arranged for an abortion for a girl whom the President had made pregnant. Our Special Inquiry investigation on Jack J. Valenti, Special Assistant to the President, showed no arrest made in Texas. The abortion allegation is not supported in Bureau files.

On 5-25-65 [redacted] advised that the information he furnished about the relationship between [redacted] and Bundy was "in error" and that actually Bundy had a sex relationship with [redacted] employed by Bundy as a [redacted] Bureau files indicate [redacted] was arrested on [redacted] by Washington, D. C., Metropolitan Police Department on charge of [redacted] for [redacted]

[redacted] At that time [redacted] told police he was employed by McGeorge Bundy as a [redacted] On 7-30-63 this information was orally furnished to Bundy through liaison. Bundy said [redacted] was employed by [redacted] as a [redacted] however, he would tell [redacted] to dismiss [redacted]

ACTION:

Enclosed for approval is a letter to the White House furnishing the information [redacted] gave to Newark Office. Further dissemination of this information is not recommended since it concerns allegations made against the President and two of his Special Assistants.

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CLASSIFICATION PER OGA LETTER
DATED 11-27-2007

1 - Mr. Cleveland
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October 22, 1974

BY LIAISON

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Staff Assistant (Security)
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear :

Reference is made to my letter dated October 10, 1974, which furnished you a summary memorandum containing the results of investigation conducted concerning Mr. Jack Joseph Valenti. b3 Per IRS

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The Office of Security, Department of State;
; and the Naval Investigative Service,
Naval Intelligence Command. have now advised

Two additional acquaintances were interviewed and they commented favorably concerning Mr. Valenti's reputation, associates, character, and loyalty. They recommended Mr. Valenti for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

This concludes the investigation in this matter.

Sincerely yours, 161-2624-811

Clarence M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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ON 10/23/74
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